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HRO moves to Building One

Human Resources Office consolidates offices; opens new doors in old building

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Naval Station Pearl Harbor's historic Building 1 was the focal point March 8 as the Navy Region Hawaii Human Resources Office (HRO) hosted an open house to debut its new spaces.

The opening of the new HRO is a significant milestone in the ongoing effort to create needed modern office space while preserving and restoring a treasured historical landmark.

Rear Admiral Robert T. Conway, Jr.,

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii / Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific was on hand for the open house and spoke about the significance of the revitalization of Building 1.

"This is almost like a re-birth," said Conway. "This building is so important to us in our history. I think it's so appropriate that the focus is on Pearl Harbor in light of all that's happened since 9-11."

Kahu Kaina, president of the Evangelical Christian Association of Hawaii and pastor emeritus of the

Kawaihau Church blessed the opening before the traditional maile lei was removed from the entrance. He told the audience that "aloha," "laulima," and "kuliana" translated to caring, cooperation, and ownership, would be part of the organization's success in its new location.

The Regional Human Resources Office provides personnel management advisory services for more than 8,000 federal civilian employees and managers of all Navy commands in

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Kahu Kaina joined Debra Edmond and Rear Admiral Robert T. Conway, Jr. at the dedication ceremony for the renovated Human Resources offices.

Hero's brother visits namesake quarters

Bill, Erma
Smallwood visit
Smallwood Hall

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On Feb. 26, 1988, Smallwood Hall Bachelor Enlisted Quarters was dedicated to one brave Sailor. Last Tuesday, that Sailor's brother paid a visit to the bachelor quarters. Bill Smallwood, and his wife Erma, visited the plaque in the building named in honor of his younger brother, James.

On June 14, 1960, while the submarine USS Sargo (SSN 583) was charging her oxygen tanks from the dock, an explosion and fire in the stern room killed 20-year-old James Smallwood and put the submarine back in the shipyard for the remainder of the summer.

Smallwood was alone in the room because he was following safety procedures which stated that only one person could be in the room while the tanks were charging. He had volunteered for the hazardous duty so another Sailor, who had a family, would be out of harm's way.

Several Sailors tried to go through the room Smallwood was working in before the fire. They wanted to get through to work in the torpedo room beyond where

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Quilt of remembrance



JO3 Sunday Williams photo

A mother examines the "Shaken Baby" quilt at the Fleet and Family Support Center with her children. The Shaken Baby Alliance puts the quilts together every year with squares donated by the parents of children who are victims of shaken baby syndrome. FFSC brings the quilts in every year for Child Abuse Prevention Month, which takes place throughout April. For more information contact Chet Adessa, the family life educator at FFSC at 473-4222 ext. 272. The quilt is on display at FFSC until Monday afternoon.

Seabees celebrate excellent year of retention

Brooms flown in
recognition of
achievement

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Curious whispers fluttered among hundreds of DoD employees as they arrived for work recently, inquiring about the peculiar sight of a broom hanging from the flagpole in the headquarters yardarm.

No, the Seabees of Third Naval Construction Brigade (3NCB) are not part of some witch's harem, or decorating for Halloween early. Actually, brooms flew in seven of the Pacific Seabee command locations at sunrise, recognizing the achievement of exceptionally high retention numbers in the "war on attrition."

Rear Adm. Charles Kubic, Commander, Third Naval Construction Brigade and Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, made the announcement from the Makalapa Drive headquarters authorizing the recipients of the CINCPACFLT Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2001 to fly a masonry broom from their flagstaffs from sunrise to sunset on the 60th birthday of the Seabees, March 5.

"I am extremely proud that all four Pa-

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A NATION AT WAR

Bush authorizes creation of Homeland Security Advisory System

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Federal, state and local authorities, law enforcement agents and the American people need to know about terrorist threats as quickly as possible.

To ensure that happens, President Bush signed a directive creating the Homeland Security Advisory System March 12. White House officials say the system is the foundation for building an effective communications structure.

Part of a series of initiatives to improve coordination and communication in the fight against terrorism, the advisory system would provide a national framework for federal, state and local governments and private industry, allowing officials to communi-

cate the nature and degree of terrorist threats.

Government officials would determine if a threat is credible and whether it has been corroborated. They'd also determine the gravity of the threat and whether it is specific and imminent.

Government officials would also characterize levels of vigilance, preparedness and readiness in a series of graduated threat conditions. These threat conditions would help federal, state and local government officials, law enforcement agents and citizens decide what action they could take to help counter and respond to terrorist activity.

Based on the threat level, federal agencies would then implement protective measures that the government and the private

sector would take to reduce vulnerabilities. States and localities would be encouraged to adopt compatible systems.

The advisory system would also include public announcements of threat advisories and alerts and inform people about government steps to counter the threat. The announcements would also provide information to help people respond to the threat.

Heightened threat conditions could be declared for the entire nation, for a specific geographic area, or for a functional or industrial sector, White House officials said. Officials would use a color-coded system: conditions green, blue, yellow, orange and red.

Condition Green would indicate a low threat of terrorist attack. Government and law enforcement

authorities would refine and exercise protective measure plans and regularly assess facilities for vulnerabilities and taking steps to reduce them.

Condition Blue would indicate a general risk of terrorist attack. Among other precautions, authorities would check communications with emergency response and command locations. They would also review and update emergency response procedures and provide the public with necessary information.

Condition Yellow would indicate significant risk of terrorist attacks. Protective measures would include increasing surveillance of critical locations; coordinating emergency plans with nearby jurisdictions and implementing contingency and emergency response plans.

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